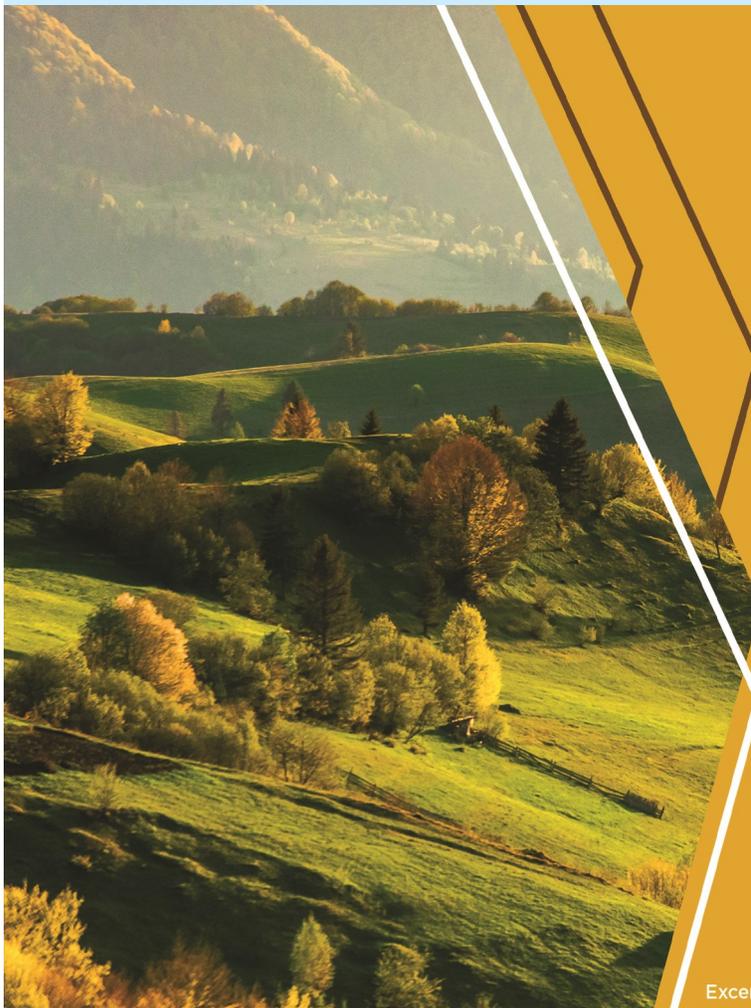




Church of St. Matthew

A Catholic community that is a visible expression of God's love



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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February 11, 2024 **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

Saturday 4:15 PM
Sunday 10:15 AM (*online Mass is on hiatus*)

Reconciliation

1st & 3rd Sunday (after Mass) 11:00 AM
2nd & 4th Saturday (after Mass) 5:00 PM

**Please contact the parish office regarding
Baptism, Matrimony, First Communion,
Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick**

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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Friday Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

Wednesday, February 14th is Ash Wednesday. Even though it is also Valentine's Day, it is a day of fast and abstinence this year. I would encourage you to schedule your Valentine events for either Tuesday, February 13th or Thursday, February 15th.

The scripture readings for Lenten Masses are some of the most ancient texts of the Church, many of them dating for their use to the second century.

In particular, the Gospel readings for the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent are particularly significant. They are taken from the Gospel according to John and are directly connected to the Sacrament of Baptism celebrated at the Easter Feast.

They focus on three facets of the rite of Baptism.

The third Sunday of Lent features the dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. The theme of the reading is "Water" - living water, water that never fails, water "that wells up within to eternal life."

The fourth Sunday of Lent features the story of the cure of the Man Born Blind. The theme is "Light" - the light which banishes inner darkness, the light of faith, the light that enlightens all who believe.

The fifth Sunday of Lent features the story of the raising of Lazarus. The theme is "Life" - the life that overcomes the last great enemy, death.

These three themes are central to the Church's understanding of Baptism and are important for us as we come through Lent to the renewal of our own baptism.

Fr. Steve Adrian



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Jeremiah Baker, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Sue & William Brown, Rita Eckert, Andrew McFarland, Diane McFarland, Elaine Goldberg, Carolina Gomez, The Karas Family, Carol Mike, Kendrick Morrison, Pablo Munoz, Pam Perkovich, Marie Scanlan, Doris Schillinger, Mary Lou Shields, Larry Smith, James Stanger, Sr., and Patricia Weisman.

If you have a loved one you would like to add to this list, please call the parish office, provide us with your name and the name of your loved one. *We are strong as a community praying together.*

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" ~ Isaiah 6:8

Data Entry: Occasionally, we have data entry projects that need to be done in the office. Often our volunteer receptionists will work on these projects along with their receptionist duties. We are looking for a volunteer who is proficient in data entry, and would be willing to come into the office to work on projects if needed. If you feel you have the experience in data entry, and would like to help out when needed, please call the parish office, 651-224-9793 and leave your contact information.

Money Counters: We are looking for volunteers to help count the weekly collection twice a month. You would work with a team of 3 or 4 other volunteers. If you feel you have the talent or experience to help with this volunteer opportunity, please call the parish office, 651-224-9793.

Lenten Mailing: By now you should all have received the parish Lenten mailing. This mailing contains a letter from our Administrator, Phil Grant, Lenten and Easter schedule, two envelopes - one for Easter offering and another to donate for Easter flowers to decorate the church. Also in this mailing is the Lenten season Little Black Book. We want to thank our team of volunteers, **Rose and Chuck Karas, Chris Mattson, Chris Wilfahrt and Kathy Schowalter** who put mailing addresses on the envelopes, folded the letters, and put all the items into the individual envelopes. This team works so well together, that in less than 90 minutes all the envelopes were stuffed and ready to be taken to the post office! Thank you for your time and dedication to this project!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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St. Matthew Welcomes All to Our Parish!

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Please contact Angela Rakow (arakow@st-matts.org) to become a member.

If you do not receive mailings from our parish, especially during Lenten and Advent seasons, please consider registering with our parish. You can download the registration form from our website or contact Angela at the parish office.



Parish Administrator's Note

"Why have we assembled here this morning?"

Fr. Thomas Kommers asked us this question at last Sunday's Mass. (Recall that he was substituting for Fr. Steve, who was on vacation.) He said that our assembling for Mass is a way for us to respond to the Gospel message—to be living examples of life in the reign of God.

Can I get an Amen?

Notice how Fr. Thomas's preaching aligns with our parish mission: we're a Catholic community that is a visible expression of God's love.

We visibly express God's love when we gather for Mass. And when we bring family and/or friends with us. And participate—fully, consciously and actively. All of those factors contribute to making Mass a peak experience for Catholics.

That's the theory. How do we do in practice? Recall the list of **St. Matt's Strengths** in last week's bulletin insert. Drawing on that, here's my shortlist with respect to Mass at St. Matt's:

- Excellent preaching (thank you, Fr. Steve and Fr. Thomas)
- Good music (and I'm not saying that just because I sometimes help out)
- A hospitable community (frequently noted by visitors and newcomers)
- We're committed to care for the poor (recall our many ministries)
- We want to change the world for the better

The first three bullet points link directly to the idea of Mass as a peak experience. The 4th and 5th points tie into the idea of Mass as a **source** of our life together outside of Mass. As presiders say at the end of Mass, "Go in peace and love to serve the Lord." That's a call for us to respond with energy to good preaching, music and hospitality—to go out and visibly express God's love.

Have a great week!

Phil Grant
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February 14, 2024

Ash and Communion Service - 7:00 AM

Mass and Ashes - 7:00 PM



The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Bells of St. Matthew rang on Friday, February 9, 2024 in memory of **Louise**

Rodriguez.

If you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory, person or event, please contact the parish office at 651-224-9793 by 1:00 PM, Monday – Thursday.

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation This Week: On Wednesday, February 14, all Faith Formation students will attend Mass in church, and students will sit with their parents/guardians. Families should come to church by 6:45 PM and check-in with their children's teachers. Students whose parents cannot attend will sit with their Faith Formation teacher for the Ash Wednesday Mass. On February 21, students have class in the Parish Center.

News and Events

Rosary Society February Meeting

All women of our parish community are invited to the **Tuesday, February 13th** Rosary Society meeting. This month we will be meeting from **12:30 to 2:00 pm in the lower level of the Parish Center.** Please note the new start time. In addition to celebrating Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day, we will be joined by Cristina Czaia, our new Director of Music and Liturgy. Come and enjoy holiday treats, socialize and learn about Cristina's work.

Crafting Club

Ginny Roethler has volunteered to chair our newly forming Crafting Club. An organizational meeting will take place on **Thursday February 15 at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall.** All women and men are invited to come and share any ideas you may have. Those who enjoy knitting, crocheting, quilting or another type of craft, while visiting with others, are invited to take part in this group. A perfect opportunity to socialize with others while making articles for personal use or to donate to others.

Grief Support Group

The next Grief Support Group meeting is on **Thursday, February 15 at 6:00 PM** in the Parish Center. Email **Mary Leibl** (mleibl@st-matts.org) with any questions.

St. Matthew's 35th Annual Fish Fry

The 35th annual dine-in with table service or curbside-to-go Lenten Fish Fry will return on **February 16 through March 29, 2024 from 4:30 to 7:30 PM** in the Social Hall. See the insert for more information.

Parish Leadership

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John Del Vecchio	Tony Postiglione
Richard Dunn	Karen Thompson
Jackie Lackner	Phil Grant, Ex Officio

Bulletin

Announcements are due on **Monday by 10:00 AM** for the next Sunday's bulletin. Items should be sent to Angela Rakow at arakow@st-matts.org. *Items received after 10:00 AM will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15.

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 10

4:15 PM Mass
+Bill Brengman
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Dorinda Martineau
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Sunday, February 11

10:15 AM Mass
+Helen Bubb
+Joseph Savard
+Shirley Smith
+Deceased Rosary Society Members

Monday, February 12

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, February 13

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, February 14

7:00 AM Ash and Communion Service
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass

Thursday, February 15

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, February 16

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, February 17

4:15 PM Mass
+Don Leibl
+Dolores Robinson

Sunday, February 18

10:15 AM Mass
+Bennett Alward
+Jackie Elmquist
+Kathy Horst
+John & Judy Kelly

Calendar of Events

Monday, February 12 - Thursday, February 15

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes

No Loaves and Fishes on Fridays during Lent

Monday, February 12

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, February 13

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Rosary Society Meeting

6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, February 14

7:00 AM Ash and Communion Service

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass

After Mass Choir Practice

8:00 PM Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, February 15

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

6:00 PM Crafting Club

6:00 PM Grief Support Group

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, February 16

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM Fish Fry

Saturday, February 17

4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, February 18

10:15 AM Mass

11:00 AM Confessions (after Mass)

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